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SUBJECT: Marshall Islands and Environmental Programs

Attached is a brief explanation of the Marshall Islands and Environmental Program.

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Department of Energy (DOE) Marshall Islands and Environmental Program

The purpose of this paper is to clarify the Defense Programs (DP) role with regard to the Marshall Islands Program, the Environmental Program and the Four Atoll Health Care Plan.

The DOE DP supports two of these to meet the government's responsibility for health and environmental problems stemming from atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons. The first is the Marshall Islands Program. This includes: provision of medical surveillance and care to persons accidentally exposed to radiation as a result of the March 1, 1954 Bravo Test; radiological studies of the environment and monitoring of the populations living on test affect atolls; radiation dose assessments for populations living in test affected areas; and the logistical support of these activities including patient travel and research ship charter, fuel and associated costs.

The second is the Environmental Program. This is the reconstruction and assessment of radiation exposures to the offsite population in areas surrounding the Nevada Test Site and collecting available historic dosimetry source documents, as well as atmospheric testing, records into a computerized master file for public access. The congressional delegations from the four affected Southwestern states of Nevada, Utah, Arizona and California are aware of this DOE program and nominate members to our Federal Advisory committee which provides oversight for this program.

The third is the Comprehensive Health Care Plan. In a separate action, unrelated to the DOE's continuing program in the Marshall Islands, the

House Subcommittee of Interior and Insular Affairs appropriated \$4 million in supplemental funding under Public Law to the DOE. The purpose of money is to provide the Department of the Interior funding for the development and implementation plan for the health care of the populations of Enewetak, Bikini, Rongelap and Utirik as required by the Public Law 96-205.

The Department of the Interior is developing such a plan now for early submission to Congress. None of the \$4 million is designated for, or available to, the DOE Marshall Islands Program. The entire sum is earmarked for the 4-Atoll Health Care Program being developed by the Department of the Interior. No DP funding is involved in the development and implementation of the 4-Atoll Health Care Plan.

Funding

The following table provides FY 1983, FY 1984, and FY 1985 funding for these programs.

	(B/A \$ in Millions)		
	<u>FY 1983</u>	<u>FY 1984</u>	<u>FY 1985 a/</u>
Marshall Islands			
ASEP	\$ 4.1	\$ 3.9	\$ 0
ASDP	.1	.3	4.7
Environmental Program			
ASEP	1.3	1.4	0
ASDP	0	0	1.3
Comprehensive Health Care Plan			
ASDP	0	4.0 b/	0 c/
	\$ 5.5	\$ 9.6	\$ 6.0

a/ Management responsibility transferred to ASDP in FY 1985.

b/ FY 1984 supplemental initiated by Congress. A one-time payment to implement Public Law 96-205.

c/ Unbudgeted at this time.